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SUBJECT: BAALBECK FESTIVAL

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1. AS PER EARLIER DISCUSSIONS WITH CU/CP, POST HAD ANTICIPATED UNFAVORABLE HARKNESS RATING FORWARDED REFTEL. UPON RETURN FROM US IN FEBRUARY, CAO CONTACTED FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN BUT LEARNED THAT CONTRACT ALREADY SIGNED. FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CONCERNED BUT PREPARED STICK BY AGREEMENT AND MAKE BEST OF SITUATION.

2. FESTIVAL DIRECTOR RECENTLY IN NEW YORK AND SELECTED WHAT HE CONSIDERED BEST EXAMPLES OF CHOREOGRAPHY FOR BAALBECK PERFORMANCES. FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN ARRIVING IN NEW YORK SHORTLY AND WILL CONTACT CU/CP ABOUT NEXT YEAR.

3. MEANWHILE LEARN THAT SARAH VAUGHN NO LONGER APPEARING AT FESTIVAL. DEFINITE JOAN BAEZ APPEARING JULY 28. NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY FOR CHARLIE MINGUS FOR AUGUST 3 OR 25 OR JULY 7. FESTIVAL SEEMS AWARE THAT NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT FORTHCOMING FROM CU THIS YEAR ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSION. POST WOULD APPRECIATE MOST RECENT RATINGS OF BAEZ AND MINGUS FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION.
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